

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1 – SECTION 6

THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT ON 2021 and PLAN FOR 2023

1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1 The village of Wick is in the western part of the Vale of Glamorgan. We are a small community council covering Wick and Broughton

1.2 The Council does not currently directly manage any land within the community. However, we do hope to take on responsibility for management of the Sports Field later this year. This plan will need updating once we take on this responsibility and when the terms of any lease are known. However, the trees, hedgerows and grassland which make up the playing fields does lend itself to promoting habitats for birds, small mammals, and insects.

Locally we work closely with the Duchy of Lancaster and the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of land in the area they own. We have formed a partnership with the Local Places for Nature scheme resulting in the planting of wildflowers at various locations across the Village. Further work is planned for later this year.

In recent years we have been responsible for planting additional trees in the village and are in consultation with the Duchy of Lancaster and residents on the development of additional wooded areas and hedgerows around the area of the Village Green.

We are in contact with the Vale Council's biodiversity officer, Cardiff Consultation Volunteers, the Duchy of Lancaster and local organisations concerning the possible conservation work at The Beacons and Trepit Road. These sites are ideal for a local diversity project which would enhance the natural habitats that already exists for a range of birds, insects and plant life.

2. CORE OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTION PLAN.

2.1 To manage and re-generate trees and woodland to support the creation and continuation of wildlife habitats.

2.2 Manage and regenerate wooded areas and hedgerows.

2.3 Manage the nature and wildlife habitat of roadside verges.

2.4 Work with the local organisations e.g., Sustainable Wick, Horticultural Society and Youth Club to create planted areas of wildflowers to enhance the appearance of the village and to develop opportunities for increasing the bee population in the community and for encouraging an increase in the bat population.

Wick Community Council is entering a new and exciting period. Hitherto it has not had direct responsibility for managing any land in its area but that will change this year. A partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, local places for nature and biodiversity officer will be strengthened to enhance natural features of the village and roadside verges to increase biodiversity on a scale not seen in the community previously.

This action plan will be reviewed regularly